AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A data encryption system for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, comprising:

a memory for storing an encryption program including the transformation tables, each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, wherein a targeted transformation table is previously identified from the transformation tables depending on whether the targeted transformation table exhibits a trend of increasing in the number of operation entries as a length of encryption time becomes longer;

a program-controlled processor for executing the encryption program;

a cache memory placed between the memory and the program-controlled processor; and

an entry loading section for loading at least one part of the targeted transformation table into the cache memory.

2. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 1, wherein the entry loading section loads the at least one part of the targeted transformation table into the cache memory before the encryption/decryption of the given plain/cipher text.

3. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 2, wherein the entry loading section loads all transformation tables into the cache memory, wherein the targeted transformation table is loaded after the other transformation tables have been loaded into the cache memory.

4. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 2, wherein the entry loading section loads all transformation tables with priorities into the cache memory, in which a

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transformation table with higher priority is left longer in the cache memory, wherein higher priority is assigned to the targeted transformation table compared with the other transformation tables.

5. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 2, wherein the entry loading section loads the at least one part of the targeted transformation table into the cache memory at a plurality of timings before the encryption/decryption of the given plain/cipher text.

6. (Currently Amended) The data encryption system according to claim 1, wherein the entry loading section comprises:

a management table containing a plurality of management entries, each corresponding to the entries of the targeted transformation table, each management entry indicating whether a corresponding entry of the targeted transformation table has been used; and

a unused-entry manager for loading unused entries of the targeted transformation table into the cache memory by referencing the management table.

7. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 1, wherein the targeted transformation table is identified by calculating a use rate of a number of operation entries to a total number of entries for each of the transformation tables and selecting a transformation table having a smaller use rate as the targeted transformation table.

8. (Original) A data encryption system for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, comprising:

a memory for storing an encryption program including the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries;

a program-controlled processor for executing the encryption program;

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a cache memory placed between the memory and the program-controlled processor; and

a cache-miss generating section for generating a cache miss so as to make a number of cache misses uniform for any plain/cipher text.

9. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 8, wherein the cache-miss generating section comprises:

a management table containing a plurality of management entries each corresponding to the entries of each transformation table, each of the management entries indicating whether a corresponding entry of the transformation table has been used; and

a cache-miss generating section for generating a cache miss a number of times which is equal to a difference between a number of usable entries and a number of used entries of the transformation table, wherein the used entries are identified by referencing the management table.

10. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 8, wherein the cache-miss generating section comprises:

a count management table containing a plurality of management entries each corresponding to the entries of each transformation table, each of the management entries indicating a number of times a corresponding entry of the transformation table has been referenced; and

a cache-miss generating section for generating a cache miss a number of times which is equal to a number of cache hits for the transformation table, wherein the number of cache hits is obtained based on management entries having a count value of at least 2.

11. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 10, wherein the cache-miss generating section generates a cache miss each time a count value of a management entry exceeding 1 is incremented.

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12. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 9, wherein the transformation table is a targeted transformation table which is previously identified from the transformation tables depending on whether the targeted transformation table exhibits a trend of increasing in the number of operation entries as a length of encryption time becomes longer.

13. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 12, wherein the targeted transformation table is identified by calculating a use rate of a number of operation entries to a total number of entries for each of the transformation tables and selecting a transformation table having a smaller use rate as the targeted transformation table.

14. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 10, wherein the transformation table is a targeted transformation table which is previously identified from the transformation tables depending on whether the targeted transformation table exhibits a trend of increasing in the number of operation entries as a length of encryption time becomes longer.

15. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 14, wherein the targeted transformation table is identified by calculating a use rate of a number of operation entries to a total number of entries for each of the transformation tables and selecting a transformation table having a smaller use rate as the targeted transformation table.

16. (Original) A data encryption system for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, comprising:

a memory for storing an encryption program including the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, which includes at least one transformation table group containing N transformation tables having same contents, wherein a transformation table is referenced N times for an encryption/decryption process of a single plain/cipher text;

a program-controlled processor for executing the encryption program; and

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a cache memory placed between the memory and the program-controlled processor,

wherein, each time accessing the transformation table group, a different one of the N transformation tables is referenced within the accessed transformation table group.

17. (Original) A data encryption system for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, comprising:

a memory for storing an encryption program including the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries;

a program-controlled processor for executing the encryption program;

a cache memory placed between the memory and the program-controlled processor;

a waiting time determination section for determining a waiting time; and

a time extension section for extending an encryption/decryption time for the given plain/cipher text by the waiting time.

18. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 17, further comprising:

a timer for measuring an actual encryption/decryption time for the given plain/cipher text,

wherein the waiting time is a difference between a predetermined maximum time and the actual encryption/decryption time.

19. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 17, wherein the waiting time is a constant time period.

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20. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 17, wherein the waiting time is a randomly determined time period.

21. (Original) The data encryption system according to claim 17, further comprising:

a time adjustment controller for randomly determining whether time adjustment is executed,

wherein the waiting time determination section and the time extension section operate only when it is determined that the time adjustment is executed.

22. (Currently Amended) A data encryption program stored on a computer readable media, the program operable to cause ~~instructing~~ a cache-equipped computer to perform encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the program comprising ~~the~~ steps of:

a) receiving plain/cipher text;

~~a)~~ b) generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, wherein a targeted transformation table is previously identified from the transformation tables depending on whether the targeted transformation table exhibits a trend of increasing in the number of operation entries as a length of encryption time becomes longer;

~~b)~~ c) loading at least one part of the targeted transformation table into a cache memory of the computer~~; and~~ .

~~c)~~ d) performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text~~.~~ ;and

e) outputting transformed plain/cipher text.

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23. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 22, wherein the step ~~b)~~ c) comprises the steps of:

loading transformation tables other than the targeted transformation table into the cache memory; and

after having loaded the transformation tables other than the targeted transformation table, loading the targeted transformation table into the cache memory.

24. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 22, wherein the step ~~b)~~ c) comprises the step of:

loading all transformation tables with priorities into the cache memory where a transformation table with higher priority is left longer, wherein higher priority is assigned to the targeted transformation table compared with the other transformation tables.

25. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 22, wherein the at least one part of the targeted transformation table is loaded into the cache memory at a plurality of timings before the data transformation of the given plain/cipher text.

26. (Currently Amended) The data encryption program according to claim 22, wherein the step ~~b)~~ c) comprises ~~the~~ steps of:

preparing a management table containing a plurality of management entries, each corresponding to the entries of the targeted transformation table, each of which indicates whether a corresponding entry of the targeted transformation table has been used; and

loading unused entries of the targeted transformation table into the cache memory by referencing the management table.

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27. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 22, wherein the targeted transformation table is identified by calculating a use rate of a number of operation entries to a total number of entries for each of the transformation tables and selecting a transformation table having a smaller use rate as the targeted transformation table.

28. (Original) A data encryption program instructing a cache-equipped computer to perform encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the program comprising the steps of:

a) generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries;

b) performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text; and

c) generating a cache miss so as to make a number of cache misses uniform for any plain/cipher text before terminating the encryption/decryption.

29. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 28, wherein the step c) comprises the steps of:

preparing a management table containing a plurality of management entries each corresponding to the entries of each transformation table, each of the management entries indicating whether a corresponding entry of the transformation table has been used; and

generating a cache miss a number of times which is equal to a difference between a number of usable entries and a number of used entries of the transformation table, wherein the used entries are identified by referencing the management table.

30. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 28, wherein the step c) comprises the steps of:

preparing a count management table containing a plurality of management entries each corresponding to the entries of each transformation table, each of the management entries indicating a number of times a corresponding entry of the transformation table has been referenced; and

generating a cache miss a number of times which is equal to a number of cache hits for the transformation table, wherein the number of cache hits is obtained based on management entries having a count value of at least 2.

31. (Original) The data encryption program according to claim 30, wherein a cache miss is generated each time a count value of a management entry exceeding 1 is incremented.

32. (Original) A data encryption program instructing a cache-equipped computer to perform encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the program comprising the steps of:

generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, which includes at least one transformation table group containing N transformation tables having same contents, wherein a transformation table is referenced N times for an encryption/decryption process of a single plain/cipher text; and

performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text by referencing a different one of the N transformation tables each time accessing the transformation table group.

33. (Original) A data encryption program instructing a cache-equipped computer to perform encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the program comprising the steps of:

generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries;

performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text;

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determining a waiting time; and

extending an encryption/decryption time for the given plain/cipher text by the waiting time.

34. (Currently Amended) A data encryption method for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the method comprising ~~the~~ steps of:

a) generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, wherein a targeted transformation table is previously identified from the transformation tables depending on whether the targeted transformation table exhibits a trend of increasing in the number of operation entries as a length of encryption time becomes longer;

b) loading at least one part of the targeted transformation table into a cache memory of ~~the~~ a computer; and

c) performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text.

35. (Original) A data encryption method for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the method comprising the steps of:

a) generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries;

b) performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text; and

c) generating a cache miss so as to make a number of cache misses uniform for any plain/cipher text before terminating the encryption/decryption.

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36. (Original) A data encryption method for performing encryption/decryption of a given plain/cipher text using transformation tables which transforms bit strings of the given plain/cipher text, the method comprising the steps of:

generating the transformation tables each of which contains a predetermined number of entries, which includes at least one transformation table group containing N transformation tables having same contents, wherein a transformation table is referenced N times for an encryption/decryption process of a single plain/cipher text; and

performing data transformation of bit strings of the given plain/cipher text by referencing a different one of the N transformation tables each time accessing the transformation table group.